

January 23.

MET HEAVY GALES.

Sch. Maggie and May Dispel Fears by Arrival.

Recent Movements of the Frozen Herring Fleet.

Sch. Maggie and May, Capt. Evans, arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., this morning after a hard passage with a cargo of frozen and salt herring. Since coming by Cape Sable the craft has had a succession of gales, the wind always coming ahead, making her progress slow. There had been some anxiety in some quarters, for the safety of the Maggie and May, but her arrival this morning has set all fears at rest.

Sch. Esperanto arrived at Philadelphia on Tuesday with her cargo of frozen herring.

British sch. Ethel, under charter to Gloucester parties, arrived here yesterday afternoon with a cargo of frozen herring, which will be put in the freezer here.

The fare of frozen herring of sch. George Parker has been sold to Boston to arrive.

Schs. Veda M. McKown, Blanche, Senator Gardner and George Parker of this port, Hiram Lowell and T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport and the British schs. Aldine, Douglass Adams and Earl V. S. are the crafts remaining to arrive with frozen herring for the American market.

Sch. Arcadia will complete the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at Boston today.

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BADLY ICED UP.

Sch. Veda M. McKown Reached Port at North Sydney.

Sch. Blanche Made Halifax with Foresail Blown Away.

Evidently some very heavy gales, accompanied by biting cold weather, have swept the Cape Shore and Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Yesterday brought news of the British sch. Earl V. S., driven back from Cape Sable to Sambro and picked up leaking and looking like an iceberg, and towed into Halifax. Today brings word of two Gloucester crafts, which also got the full benefit of the storms.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. George G. Hamor, of this port, bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full cargo of frozen herring, put in at North Sydney, C. B., on Tuesday. Capt. Hamor wired Davis Bros. that they had encountered very heavy gales, that the vessel was badly iced up and her fore gaff broken.

Sch. Blanche, Capt. Donald McCoish, of this port, one of the homeward bound herring fleet, must also have had the gale severe, as she was at Halifax, N. S., yesterday with her foresail blown away. The sail was a brand new one, just out of the loft and bent for the first time this trip.

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LOTS OF FISH.

But Weather Bad and Donegal Fishermen in Danger of Want.

This has been a disastrous year for the Donegal herring fishers and hundreds of families which depend on the fishing for their livelihood will be starving unless measures are taken by the government for their relief. Although the bays all along the coast were literally teeming with fish the weather was so bad for the last six weeks of the season that the boats dared not put out from the shore and the fishermen were forced to allow their harvest to go un-reaped. The value of the catch last year was only \$25,000 compared with \$200,000 the previous year, which is about an average catch. In addition to this many of the fishermen who tried in their desperation to go out in spite of the weather, had their boats and nets damaged or destroyed and they are now without means to replace them or to repair the damage.

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EARLY MACKREL.

One Taken Off Provincetown and Another Off Long Branch.

Present Open Weather Thought the Cause of it.

Fresh mackerel in January, not "freezer" fish, but live ones; right out of water. What do you think of it?

There were only two of them, but they must be called "the first of the season," surely. This catch is not enough to start the seining fleet off right away, but still it is enough to make talk and comment and cause the skippers to wonder if the present very open winter has anything to do with the early appearance of this advance guard.

Word from Provincetown says that one mackerel, the first of the season off there, was taken Saturday, by one of the boat fishermen who found it meshed in one of his nets.

This morning a special dispatch to the Times from its Fulton Market, New York, correspondent, states that one of the traps at Long Branch, N. J., caught one mackerel yesterday and the fish was brought to Fulton Market.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, haddock, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, via Boston.

Sch. Maggie and May, Bay of Islands, N. F., 400 bbls. frozen herring, 500 bbls. salt herring.

Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.

Large eastern cod, \$2.25. medium do., \$1.50.

Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.

Salt bank dory headline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large. \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.

Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Salt herring, in bulk, \$3.50 per bbl.

Frozen herring, (cargo lots,) \$3.25 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Dictator, 35,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 3000 haddock, 4500 cod, 9000 hake, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Rebecca, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Winnifred, 3000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 4000 cod.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 eusk.

Sch. Mystery, 18,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Viking, 3500 haddock, 1500 cod.

Haddock, \$1.75 to \$3.60, per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Fame will now be commanded in the winter haddock fishing by Capt. John Ryan.

Sch. Veda M. McKown was at North Sydney, C. B., on Tuesday.

Sch. Blanche was at Halifax, N. S., on Wednesday.

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Fine Georges Trip.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Capt. William Sloan, arrived during the night from a Georges handline trip with a fine fare, 32,000 pounds of salt cod and 1200 pounds of halibut.

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Landed Lump Fish.

The fishing sch. Yankee, Capt. John T. Dench, which arrived at Boston yesterday morning brought in an out-of-season fish. It was a small lumpfish weighing about five pounds, which one of the men had taken on his trawls while fishing off Plymouth.

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BUSY AT FREEZER.

Several Herring Cargoes Are Being Put in Storage Here.

Latest Movements of Crafts of Frozen Fleet.

The Bucksport sch. Hiram Lowell, formerly of this port, arrived here during the night from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of frozen herring.

The British sch. Douglass Adams arrived at Boston yesterday from Bay of Islands, N. F., via Halifax, N. S., with a cargo of 220,000 pounds of frozen herring.

Sch. Arcadia, which took out her frozen herring at Boston, returned here last night.

The fares of frozen herring of sch. J. J. Flaherty and Br. sch. Ethel are being put in the freezer here.

The fare of frozen herring of sch. Aloha has been sold to New York.

The fare of frozen herring of sch. Arkona will be shipped from here.

The arrival of schs. Douglass Adams and Hiram Lowell leaves but seven frozen herring cargoes to arrive for the Gloucester market.

The captain of sch. Hiram Lowell, which arrived here during the night, reports that his craft left Liverpool, N. S., recently, in company with sch. Senator Gardner, also herring laden and bound for this port, so the latter craft will probably be here in a day or so.

The British sch. Renown completed the discharge of her frozen herring cargo at Boston a few days ago, and put in here last night, on her way to Lunenburg, N. S., for shelter.

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OCEAN RACE.

Old Gloucester Fishing Sch. Procyon One of the Contestsants.

Considerable Interest Manifested in the Contest.

The good old sch. Procyon of Newfoundland, formerly of this port, is now engaged in an ocean race with another Newfoundland schooner, the Clara, both of which are bound from Harbor Grace for Gibraltar, with cured fish cargoes.

A Newfoundland dispatch says that the vessels started January 16, the Clara having a lead of an hour and a half. The despatch says that should heavy wind prevail, the Clara would be the favorite, with the Procyon the favorite if moderate breezes blow.

When Capt. Joshua W. Stanley used to drive the Procyon winter haddocking from John F. Wonson & Co., she was reckoned about as staunch a craft as left this port, so it can be safely assumed that the Clara will have no picnic in heavy weather. The outcome of the race will be watched with interest.

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Good Stock.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., which arrived at Boston yesterday, stocked \$1700 as the result of her one week's haddocking trip.

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Maiden Trip.

The new sch. Vanessa, Capt. Valentine O'Neil, is at Boston, this morning from her maiden voyage, with a fine fare, 54,000 pounds of fresh fish.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Hiram Lowell, Bay of Islands, N. F., 900 bbls. frozen herring, 500 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 32,000 lbs. salt cod, 1200 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Niagara, Green Bank, 14,000 lbs. halibut, 4000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Dictator, via Boston.

Sch. Arcadia, via Boston.

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 Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., \$1.50.
 Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.
 Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.
 Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.
 Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.
 Salt herring, in bulk, \$3.50 per bbl.
 Frozen herring, (cargo lots,) \$3.25 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 pollock.
 Sch. Pythian, 3000 haddock.
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Vanessa, 27,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 12,000 cusk.
 Sch. Seacomet, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.
 Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Pontiac, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 Sch. Mary C. Santos, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 pollock.
 Sch. William A. Morse, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Bessie and Mary, 600 cod.
 Sch. Nettie, 1200 cod.
 Sch. Stranger, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Manomet, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.
 Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$2.25 to \$3; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2; hake, \$2 to \$5.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Michael Powers will now resume command of the Boston haddock Benj. F. Phillips.

January 25.

FOUR OF CREW INJURED.

Sch. Teazer Swept by Awful Sea on Quero Bank.

MAN OVERBOARD AND RESCUED

Vessel at North Sydney with Dories Smashed.

Sch. Teaser, Capt. Peter Dunskey, of this port, arrived at North Sydney, C. B., Saturday in a damaged condition, with four of her crew badly injured, four dories washed away and the other four almost totally destroyed, besides reporting the loss of 50 fathoms heavy cable, hatch slides and minor other damages. The vessel encountered a hurricane on Wednesday last while halibuting on Quero Bank and during the terrific blow one of her crew, Isaac Kuld, was washed overboard, but fortunately a returning sea carried him safely on the deck of the Teaser. The vessel is now undergoing repairs, and as soon as men can be found to replace the injured seamen the vessel will proceed to the fishing grounds.

It is understood that the injured seamen will have to go to the hospital.

LIGHT AT ISLES OF SHOALS.

Bill for \$18,000 for That Purpose Introduced in Congress.

A bill has been introduced in the house for representatives by Representative Allen of Maine, providing for the construction of a lighthouse on Duck Island, Isle of Shoals, to cost \$18,000.

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BOUNTY ON SEALS.**Hearing Given on Bill To Repeal Present Law.****Committee Will Report Bill Abolishing Payment.**

A hearing was given before the legislative committee on fish and game yesterday on the bill of Representative Fogg of Newburyport, providing for the abolition of the \$3 bounty on seals. According to the representative, Massachusetts has paid \$15,000 in 12 years for seals' tails.

County Commissioner Kimball entertained the committee by telling how nine of the Maine Indians had been extradited, after mulcting Essex county out of \$2400, and are now languishing in jail, waiting trial for perjury. One of them admitted that 131 tails were made from one seal. The scheme was to get bounties from Maine for the noses and from Massachusetts for the tails.

"They didn't catch the Newburyport city clerk, though," exclaimed Representative Fogg. "When they came to him with such a big bag of seals he told them there had never been so many seals in Plum Island sound since the country was discovered. The way they caught other town clerks was, they dipped the tails in strong lye just before taking them to the clerks, and that made them so offensive that some of the clerks stood 20 feet away, holding their noses, and taking the Indians' word as to the number."

Dr. Field of the fish and game commission, said Norfolk county had paid about \$2700 for seals' tails, although Quincy is about the only part of the county with sea coast.

Representative Edwin C. McIntire of this city stated that seals were scarce around Gloucester, and that there was more damage from dogfish than from seals.

The committee later decided to report the bill.

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BADLY ICED UP.

Sch. Veda M. McKown Had Hard Time in the Gulf.

Met Succession of Gales After Leaving Bay of Islands.

Speaking of the arrival there recently of sch. Veda M. McKown of this port, the North Sydney Herald of Wednesday says:

"With vast quantities of ice piled high on her decks, and her rigging covered with the icy brine, the gasoline sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. George Hamer, of Gloucester, came into port yesterday forenoon. The schooner is loaded to the hatches, and has also a full deck load of frozen herring."

From the time the schooner left Bay of Islands at 12 o'clock Saturday until she arrived off the Cape Breton coast, she encountered all kinds of bad weather. Sunday a succession of hurricanes struck the clipper schooner, during which her gaff was broken, and for a time things looked serious. The staunch vessel, however, weathered the storm and successfully made this port, where she is now undergoing repairs."

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Mackerel Notes.

Imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date are 21,613 barrels against 33,617 barrels at this time in 1903.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Niagara sold to the American Halibut Co. at 14 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

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Boston.

Sch. Galatea, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake, 500 pollock.
 Haddock, \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$3.50 to \$6; pollock, \$4.

Herring News.

Sch. Aloha will take her cargo of frozen herring to New York on commission, the fare not being sold as previously stated.

The British sch. Aldine, from Bay of Islands, N. F., for Boston, with frozen herring, sailed from Halifax Wednesday.

January 27.

HAD HARD PASSAGES.

Schs. Blanche and Senator Gardner Are Home Today.

Latest Movements of Crafts of the Herring Fleet.

Since last report two more of the frozen herring fleet have arrived, sch. Blanche coming in yesterday and sch. Senator Gardner arriving this morning, both from Bay of Islands, N. F.

Sch. Senator Gardner has had a long, hard passage, leaving the bay January 9, thus being 18 days on the way. She has been through some exceptionally hard weather, for seldom has a rougher month been recorded on this side of the Atlantic than January, 1908. The craft has been out in about all of it, excepting part of one gale, when she harbored on the Cape Shore, and has certainly had more than her share of it. At times there were fears for her safety in some quarters, but those who understood about the fearful weather at sea knew that this accounted for her not showing up sooner.

Sch. Blanche also had a hard passage. She left several days behind sch. Senator Gardner, but met the gales almost as soon as she came out by South Head, and has been bucking them ever since, being obliged to make Halifax last week with her new foresail badly torn. Since coming out from there she has had all the bad weather, including the terrible gale of Friday last.

Schs. Vera and Maggie and May went to Boston yesterday to take out their cargoes of frozen herring.

Sch. Corsair has completed the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring into the freezer here.

Sch. Athlete, which took out part of her frozen herring fare at Boston, began to take out the rest into the freezer here today.

Schs. J. J. Flaherty and the British sch. Ethel, which are putting their cargoes into the freezer here, are about half out.

Sch. Grayling has completed putting her fare into the Orlando Merchant freezer.

The vessels of the American frozen herring fleet now remaining to arrive are schs. Veda M. McKown and George Parker of this port and sch. T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport, Me. The British schs. Aldine and Earl V. S., the former chartered by Boston parties, yet remain to arrive at that port.

In speaking of the present herring season, the St. John's, N. F., Free Press says:

"During the herring catching season at Bay of Islands, about 20 Placentia men were engaged by the Americans, all of whom made high wages. Among them were R. Wise, J. Greene, V. Wise, P. Walsh, J. Wise, J. Dolaney. These averaged about \$200 a man, while two of the number made \$250, the highest wage for the season. All the Placentia men simply hired out to catch for the Americans, getting dories, nets, etc., which they used and paid for at the end of the season. By the last express these men returned home, fully satisfied with their winter's work."

"The herring fishery at Bay of Islands has closed for the season 1907-08. On the whole the voyage has been remunerative, the catchers engaged made an average wage of about \$150."